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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6749

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5519

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KHMER-ARAB RELATIONS

REF: BEIRUT 10783: 10785

1. BELIEVING VISIT BY KHMER DELEGATION TO TUNIS MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE AT THIS TIME, AMBASSADOR CONTACTED FON MIN CHEF DE CABINET, AHMED GHEZAL, TO SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET OVER WEEKEND. AFTER CHECKING WITH FON MIN CHATTI, GHEZAL CALLED BACK TO STATE THAT SINCE SIHANOUK DELEGATION ARRIVING TUNIS THIS AFTERNOON, KHMER DELEGATION VISIT OUT OF QUESTION. GHEZAL REMINDED US THAT GOT HAD RECOGNIZED GRUNK AT ALGERIAN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, 1973.

2. COMMENT: GOT HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT VOTE AGAINST GRUNK. GOT HAS THEREFORE ABSTAINED OR BEEN ABSENT WHEN CREDENTIALS ISSUE AT STAKE. WE SEE NO RPT NO REASON TO THINK GOT WILL CHANGE THIS STANCE TO ONE OF ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO GKR, BUT GIVEN BOURGUIBA'S IDEA THAT HE AND SIHANOUK ARE OLD FRIENDS, GRUNK PRESSURE AT THIS TIME JUST MIGHT BRING THIS ABOUT. WE SEE NO RPT NO POSSIBILITY THAT GKR AND USG CAN BRING BOURGUIBA TO OPPOSE GRUNK EFFORTS ACTIVELY. NEVERTHELESS, IN CONSONANCE
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WITH STATE 192437 WE PLAN MAKE DEMARCHE TO GOT (ONCE

WE HAVE DEPARTMENT'S GO-AHEAD) WITH AIM OF INDUCING
GOT AT LEAST TO CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT ON
CREDENTIALS ISSUE.

3. BEIRUT PLEASE NOTE: REFTELS DID NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE
UNTIL 0852 AND 0835 RESPECTIVELY THIS MORNING LOCAL
TIME.
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